various exhibitions including that of toys. To help indigenous manufacturers in technology upgradation and modernisation and to assist them in marketing their products internationally, government gives grant in aid to recognised associations and export promotion councils to participate in international trade fairs and organises seminars. During 1995-96 Electronic and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ECSEPC) was assisted to participate in toy fairs in Dubai by giving grant in aid of Rs. 5.75 lakhs.

Strike by Lawyers

2214. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether any Committee has been constituted for preparing proper guidelines to check the increasing number of cases consequent upon the frequent strike of lawyers and closure of courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any report has been submitted to the Government by this Committee;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) to (e). Does not arise.

Loading of Coal

2215. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the collieries of BCCL where loading of coal by pay loader has been opposed;

(b) the reasons for such opposition; and

(c) the extent of loss suffered in the matter of coal production due to above reason during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) and (b). According to the information received from Coal India Limited (CIL) there have been no instances of coal loading through pay loaders being obstructed by the employees of BCCL. However, outsiders/unauthorised persons did obstruct loading of coal through pay loaders on certain occasions. Such obstructions have been confined to road sale of coal and transportation of coal to washeries/ sidings. The name of collieries/dumps from where such instances had occurred are as under :-

1. Jealgora
3. Kusunda OCP
4. Rajapur/South Jharia OCP
5. Bera
6. Dobari
7. Kuya
8. Bastacolla
9. Nudkharkee

(c) The Coal Company has intimated that there has been some loss of production of account of the above obstructions in 1994-95, it is not possible to precisely quantify the loss on account of such obstructions.

[English]

Equity participation in Small Scale Sector

2216. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Small Scale Sector is allowed 24% equity participation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this equity limit is sufficient for Small Scale Industrial Sector to get funds and modern technology; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). Presently other industrial undertakings constituted as companies can invest up to 24 per cent in the equity of a small scale unit. If equity investment goes beyond 24 per cent, the unit loses the SSI status.

(c) and (d). The equity participation limit of 24 per cent is derived from the definition of small scale industries which states that a small scale unit cannot be owned, controlled or be a subsidiary of other industrial undertaking. 24 per cent equity participation has been allowed precisely to attract equity type investments from large industries into the small scale sector. Investments in the small scale sector using this equity route have however, not been considerable.

Control of Cement

2217. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the cement manufacturers are refusing to sell cement to Government departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to reimpose control on cement and also fix its price;

(d) if so, by when; and